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TELEGRAPHIC.

RAILWAY SUBSIDIES

OCCUPYING ATTENTION OF HOUSE

Revote on Edmonton, Yukon and Pacific Railway.

(Bulletin Special Dispatch).
Ottawa, Oct. 7.—The railway subsidies have been brought down. They total thirteen millions. A third revote includes a revote on fifty miles of the Edmonton, Yukon, and Pacific Railway west from Edmonton, and thirty-two miles on the St. Mary's River Railway from Spring Coulee to Cardston.

PROROGATION IN SIGHT

SENATE DISCUSSES BILLS

Government Will Aid Quebec Bridge by Guaranteeing Bonds.

Ottawa, Oct. 6.—The public works estimates were concluded today. Fair progress is being made.

Prorogation is expected next week. The Senate considered the redistribution bill today and will take up the railway bill tomorrow.

The government has decided to assume responsibility for the Quebec bridge by guaranteeing bonds of the company for the amount of the cost in addition to the city and provincial bounties.

WEATHER

The disturbance is now passing eastward towards the Great Lakes, and fairer weather will probably be general throughout the Territories and Manitoba. The winds will continue northwesterly and westerly but while the temperature is likely to be a little lower, no severe frost is indicated.

Winnipeg, October 7th.

WHEAT IS STRONGER.

Wheat prices were stronger yesterday.

BOOKMAKERS LOSE THOUSANDS.
Wild bets victory at Detroit cost the bookmakers \$20,000.

WELLS DECLINES SPEAKERSHIP.
Mr. Wells, Liberal, has declined the British Columbia speakership.

FREIGHT TRAIN DERAILED.
A Northern Pacific freight train was derailed west of Helena.

FUR GARMENT FRAUD.
A gigantic fur garment fraud has been unearthed in Montreal.

JUDGE KILLAM TAKES HIS SEAT.
Judge Killam has taken his seat on the Supreme Court bench at Ottawa.

NUMEROUS HOMESTEAD ENTRIES.
Over one thousand homestead entries were made in the Canadian west in September.

SETTLERS FOR CANADA.
The Salvation Army is sending a large party of settlers from England to Canada in the spring.

DID NOT KILL ANDRE.
Rev. F. Swindellhurst, of the Eskimo missions at Repet's House, Hudson's Bay has asserted that the stories of Andre's death being due to Esquimaux are false.

GRAIN QUOTATIONS.
Winnipeg oats, No. 2 white, 31 cents a bushel.

A FAREWELL

A very large gathering assembled in the convocation hall of Wesley college, Winnipeg, to bid farewell to Professor Riddell and his wife. Many kind wishes were expressed for his success in Edmonton. Professor Riddell was presented by the college with a solid silver watch and chain. Young church and other friends united in presenting the professor and his wife with a splendid cabinet of sterling silver table-ware. The Free Press says: "A number of the students were at the C.P.R. station yesterday morning before the Imperial Limited left to bid good-bye to Prof. Riddell, who was leaving for Edmonton by that train. The college youth were vigorously given several times and the opinion was expressed repeatedly in a most convincing manner that there was nothing the matter with the professor. Prof. Riddell bade good-bye personally to each of the students with some kind word for each. While the train pulled out he stood on the rear platform waving a final good-bye to the students, while they sang heartily 'He's a Jolly Good Fellow.' To the students who come to Wesley this year the departure of Prof. Riddell may not mean very much; but to the students of other years who have learned to know and love him, the occasion is one for deep regret. He carries away with him the sincere affection and admiration of all the students with whom he came in contact. In the lives of all of them his presence has been an influence for good and he will not soon be forgotten."

LOCAL

—Train left Red Deer on time.
—Alberta College, Edmonton, opened this morning.

—Supreme court was held in Fort Saskatchewan yesterday.

—The Dominion parliament will likely prorogue next week.

—H. B. Spratt has taken a position in the Lands Titles office.

—Williamson Bros. shipped a car of hogs to Calgary this morning.

—A peculiarly shaped key was found on the street this morning and left at the Bulletin office.

—The first story of Revillon Freres large solid brick warehouse to the rear of their store on Jasper avenue is completed.

—Steps are being taken in Fort Saskatchewan to erect a large skating rink. The rink will have a hockey club this winter.

—The Fifth-Eaton Concert Company will appear in Robertson Hall tomorrow evening under the auspices of Clark's orchestra.

—Everybody using the Edmonton bridge is greatly pleased with the prospect of its being refloored. This has been urgently needed as the present flooring has been worn very thin.

—A meeting of the Edmonton hockey club and of all those interested in Canada's national winter game, will be held in Sheriff Robertson's office this evening. A large attendance is requested.

—The Northern Alberta Teachers' Convention was concluded last night, and the teachers left for their various schools this morning. The department grants two days for the convention and the third day is allowed the teachers to get back to their schools.

PERSONAL

H. Wilson, of Fort Saskatchewan, is in Edmonton today.

Jack Lusk, of Leduc, is spending a few days in Edmonton.

Judge Scott and A. McNicoll returned to Edmonton today from Fort Saskatchewan.

Prairie Witness, Indian Head.—Mrs. Radd, of Edmonton, is at present visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monycastle.

Mr. E. B. Edly, the great match, paper and pulp goods manufacturer of Hull, is taking a trip through the west. He will visit Edmonton within a few days.

MacLeod Gazette.—F. Barker, of Edmonton, has been in town for several days this week, returning home today. While here he disposed of his house and lots to Dr. Forbes.

Calgary Herald.—On Saturday Mrs. Malcolm McCrimmon left to join her husband and family in Edmonton for good. During the last 13 years Mr. and Mrs. McCrimmon have been respected citizens of Calgary, and while their numerous friends regret their departure, they sincerely wish them every prosperity in their new home.

SEASON'S WORK.

The following table showing the amount of the season's operations of the Edmonton Economy has been handed to us by C. Nairn, who was in charge of the creamery.
Inches cream received, 14,767.0.
Pounds butter manufactured, 163,488.
Butter taken by patrons, 250.
Shipped to Calgary, 103,260.
Sold locally, 59,978.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES

Year ending June 30th, 1904.
Edmonton jail \$ 35,900
Telephone line, Edmonton to Athabasca Landing 15,000
Telephone line, Edmonton to Indian Agency 1,000
Telephone spur line, Paken to Andrew 600
Delly River bridge at Lethbridge 35,900
Old Man's bridge at Macleod Telephone line, Spring Coulee to Cardston 3,900
Reginald of hospital of Edmonton bridge 1,650
Pack trail, Peace to Delly River 25,000
Building at Banff, N.W.T. 10,000
Improvements to the Calgary post office 8,000
To secure weather reports in Manitoba and west during growing season 4,000
Additional grant to Northwest "Government" schools, etc. 350,000
Additional amount for Registry of Northwest 5,000
Two additional judges for the Northwest Territories 8,000
Payment to Judge Richardson for acting as administrator of the Territories 116
Prince Albert Air-ice for printing proclamation of the election of 1904 297

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Regina immigrant building	4,500
Regina improvements to post office	580
Moose Jaw, public building	5,000
Barracks for a permanent corps (Strathcona Horse)	10,000
Western Indians	11,741
Cost of investigation at Frank after rock slide	600
Summary of Supplementaries.	
Current expenditure	5,861,884
Capital expenditure	4,778,978
Total	\$10,590,863

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 1903.

FROM OTTAWA

Bulletin Correspondence.

The third reading of the transcontinental railway bill was under discussion during the whole of yesterday, and will probably be reached today. A number of amendments were moved by members of the opposition and were defeated by a vote of 75 to 37. The course of the debate, the arguments used, and especially the amendments proposed, fixed clearly the attitude of the opposition as one of deliberate and determined hostility to the transcontinental railway scheme. Not because it is a new railway, but because, being a new railway, it is being built to give competition in railway transportation throughout the Northwest and across Canada, instead of being built to strengthen the monopoly of the C. P. R. When boiled down the whole objection is that the Grand Trunk, and not the C. P. R., is the company which will operate the road. As already pointed out, while the opposition dare not come out squarely against a proposition for another transcontinental railway, every effort is exhausted to secure delay, in the hope of thereby throwing over the scheme altogether.

The first amendment was moved by Mr. Borden, and was in the nature of an alternative proposition, such as he had sketched in his principal speech on the resolution. He went over the points of his proposal and discussed at length the criticism of the postmaster general, which had been directed against his proposal. Clearly he had been placed upon the defensive and his defence was necessarily weak. His proposals have already been mentioned, and as he added nothing new need not be repeated. It may be mentioned, however, that in support of what he called his scheme, he said that his proposal for the prairie section of the western division was exactly the same as that of the government, namely, to assist the Grand Trunk Company, on terms which would relieve the public treasury from danger of having to pay interest on the cost of construction. He was very definite on the point that there was no need of two railways from Edmonton westward to the coast, therefore, he would insist on the C. N. R. and the G. T. R. using the one line and would delay operations until they came to an agreement. He objected to the government scheme because of the lack of knowledge of the eastern section, because the transportation commission had not yet reported; because of the absence of safeguards, as to the carriage of traffic to Canadian ports; because specific rates had not been provided for; because the proposed railroad would side-track the water route; because the large expenditure upon it would withdraw expenditure from the lake ports and the improvement of navigation; and because it would strangle the Intercolonial Railway.

Sir Wilfrid replied to Mr. Borden and intimated that the alternative scheme of the leader of the opposition was the best justification that could be offered for the government's proposal. The premier pointed out that while Mr. Borden had opposed the government's proposition as a whole, he had adopted it in principle if not in fact, piece by piece. He had proposed the purchase of existing lines to give the Intercolonial access to Winnipeg. The government's scheme gave the Intercolonial not only access to the coast, but through to the Pacific coast. Mr. Borden had declared himself in favor of the improvement of the lake ports. The government had spent many millions on those ports, and had appointed a commission to decide as to what further expenditure was necessary and how it could be made to the best advantage. He described the struggle in the mind of the leader of the opposition as between party exigency and conscience. Party exigency required him to condemn the scheme, but conscience told him that it was necessary, and that its provisions were good; therefore, he had proposed his alternative scheme, which justified the government in every particular.

Mr. O'Brien's amendment repeated the demand which he had made on a previous occasion for the construction of the railway, whether by the government or otherwise, should pay duty; and, added to the duties to be paid would be, therefore, to the rates to be charged. For this amendment, as also for the one moved by Mr. Borden, the members of the opposition who have remained to attend to their duties voted to a man.

During the discussion on the estimates on Monday night, the rumor that Hon. Clifford Sifton was likely to that Lord Strathcona as High Commissioner was brought up. The minister of Finance intimated that Lord Strathcona would continue in the discharge of his present duties.

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NORTHWEST SUBSIDY

In parliament on Thursday, September 25th, Hon. Mr. Fielding, minister of finance, introduced the following resolution:

1. The Governor General may in his discretion from time to time advance to the government of the Northwest Territories, any sum required for local improvements in the Northwest Territories, not exceeding in the whole, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

2. All sums so advanced to the government of the Northwest Territories shall be charged in an account to be known as "The Northwest Territories Debt Account," and shall, in any financial arrangement that may be made in connection with the organization of a province or provinces in the said territories, be taken into consideration as a debt owing by the said territories to the Dominion of Canada.

During the discussion which followed, Mr. Oliver spoke as follows:

Mr. OLIVER. The understanding in regard to this debt account which prevails in the Northwest Territories, is perhaps not the same as has been voiced so far in this discussion. The idea there is that at confederation the original provinces were heavily involved in debt, and when other provinces were added to confederation which were not so much in debt, they received a credit from what was called the debt account, to put them on an equal footing with the original provinces in respect to the indebtedness of these original provinces. It is under that head that the Territories would claim a credit at the hands of the Dominion when the time for provincial organization comes. Believing that the Territories would be entitled to such a credit under the fundamental arrangements of confederation, they consider that they have a right to an advance on that account of required and anticipated expenditure. The larger the population of the Territories at the time it enters confederation as a province, the larger the debt account in favor of the new province will be, and therefore the greater the advantage to the territory, the longer it waits and the larger its population.

Mr. SPOULE. Are we to infer that the Territories do not want provincial autonomy, but that they prefer to remain without it for the time until they get a larger population?

Mr. OLIVER. I do not wish the hon. member to draw any inference. Speaking for myself and for those who think with me—who I believe constitute the overwhelming majority of the people in the Territories—we believe that it is better to wait until we can be assured of a more satisfactory arrangement, based upon increased population than we possibly could expect to get today.

Mr. SPOULE. Then the argument of Mr. Haultain in favor of provincial autonomy would seem to be unfounded. I judge from the correspondence that the Territories were strongly in favor of autonomy.

The PRIME MINISTER. Divided in opinion.

Mr. SPOULE. I refer to the resolution passed by the legislature, and the correspondence submitted to strengthen the argument of Premier Haultain.

Mr. OLIVER. The conditions surrounding Premier Haultain's proposition might perhaps be explained a little more fully. For a matter of 7 or 8 years the subsidy granted to the Territories was practically at a standstill, and at the same time population was increasing, and our responsibilities were increasing.

Mr. SPOULE. I think that the arrangement made with the Territories was, that as population increased the grant would increase.

Mr. OLIVER. There is no arrangement with the Territories. The grant is a matter of ordinary vote by parliament from year to year. Naturally if the grant is not liberal, and if it is not advanced in amount according to increased population and responsibilities, the government of the Northwest Territories falls back at once upon the rights which it would have were it given provincial organization. That was the condition which gave rise to the present demand (if you may say so) for provincial autonomy.

Mr. Haultain wanted to get the benefit of the debt account which he would have on the then existing population, and to get such other grants as properly belong to a province, believing that he would then be financially better off than he was under the system of yearly grants, which practically stood still for a number of years. But since that time, the subsidies have been very largely increased, particularly so during the present year. The increase of subsidy changes the position very considerably in regard to the demand for provincial organization. In my estimation at any rate—in a country such as the Territories, where the financial question is the chief question. The obtaining of money with which to carry out municipal improvements and to keep educational facilities up to a modern standard, is the great object which the government desires to attain, and whether it be under the name of territorial organization or provincial organization, is of secondary moment.

It is a fair matter for consideration, whether we should press upon this date and urgent demand upon this parliament for provincial organization, or, with the prospect of a very rapid increase of population, whether we should wait until the title to still better terms. The title under the jurisdiction of the Territories under the jurisdiction of the Territories, covers by far the greater part of agricultural area of the Dominion. If that great agricultural area—which in all human probability before very long will be quite fully populated—is organized today on a provincial basis, with the debt account according to the present population, and receiving consideration generally according to the present population; it means that inside of a very few years, the concessions that have been made will be found far further behind the actual requirements than they have ever been since the Territories were organized as a local government.

Mr. MACLEAN. Then the "better terms" principle begins to act.

Mr. OLIVER. That is what it amounts to; and you will find that in

Mr. Haultain's correspondence he suggests that there shall be provincial organization at the present time, on the basis of present population, and a readjustment every five years after, in accordance with population. That is not in accord with the principles of confederation, but if parliament will concede it, why, I would be willing to go in for provincial organization at once.

Mr. SPOULE. Does the hon. gentleman not think that since the government are not prepared to give this by way of subsidy upon any determined basis, it would be better to take into consideration the exceptional needs of the Territories from year to year and grant a larger subsidy until such time as we can give them all full provincial autonomy or establish some account with them on a proper basis?

Mr. OLIVER. That is exactly my position. I think that as long as this parliament will deal liberally with the Northwest Territories while they are in their present form—autonomous, and while their population is increasing as rapidly as it is, and will adequately recognize that increase of population, it will be better for the Territories financially, to remain under the present condition rather than to have by any definite financial arrangement, that will in future years be entirely inadequate and will cause the Territories to come here again and again for better terms.

Mr. SPOULE. I mean that instead of giving this money by way of loan, we should take into account the very exceptional needs of the Territories and give a subsidy to suit their requirements from time to time, not to alter in the shape of a loan which would be regarded as a debt.

Mr. OLIVER. As a member for the Territories, I have nothing to urge in opposition to the suggestion. If parliament will vote this year the \$1,046,000 suggested by the minister of finance and also the sum of \$250,000 for current expenses I shall certainly support the vote and be very glad to support the suggestion. I think that the generosity on the part of parliament would be a surprise to me and I think that Premier Haultain and his government, if they are at all inclined to be fleshy, would be very likely to be stricken with apoplexy at such an offer of generosity, as compared with the action of parliament on previous occasions. However, if the hon. gentleman will move that I will be very glad to support him and if he would prefer to make it \$500,000 instead of \$250,000, I will support that.

Mr. SPOULE. Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Oliver) consider that up to the present time the Territories have received all they were entitled to in grants and that this \$250,000 should now be considered as an advance to them?

Mr. OLIVER. No, I do not think they have been getting as much as they have been entitled to, but I certainly think the grant this year is fairly liberal. The House will understand that as one of the members representing the Northwest Territories, who have been continually accused of being greedy, and if hon. members are desirous of voting this \$250,000 as an addition to the yearly grant it will be glad to do so. I am not in that and if they will make it \$500,000 I will still support them, and I can assure them that the money will be well expended.

In the further course of the debate Mr. Oliver spoke as follows on the subject of provincial autonomy.

Mr. OLIVER. There seems to be some misunderstanding as to what the people of the Territories, through their legislators, were asking for. It is held out to the House that as they were asking for provincial autonomy, they were asking for it on the same terms as it is enjoyed by the other provinces. I want to say that the Northwest Territories is not asking for provincial autonomy on the same terms as it has been received by the other provinces. It is asking for provincial autonomy subject to two conditions radically different from those on which it has been received by the others. One condition is that on the basis of population arrived at by a census taken every five years the per capita allowance shall be revised at the end of the ten-year census. Now, it is an essential principle of provincial organization throughout the Dominion that the per capita allowance on population remains the same from year to year, and that the debt account remains the same. Therefore, when the Territories ask for provincial organization they are asking for it on radically different terms from those on which the other provinces have received it. When hon. members are so ready to grant provincial organization, it will be interesting to know whether they are willing to grant it on those terms. Those are the terms upon which it is asked, and the inference is that it would not be acceptable on other terms; and circumstances being as they are, I take the liberty of saying that it would be acceptable on other terms, terms which did not provide for a revision of these accounts at reasonable periods.

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